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27 Feb. 1849 - P<sup>d</sup> \$75.00 for bring boxes from 24<sup>th</sup>  
Wash<sup>n</sup>. St. to 21 Cornhill. - Ref<sup>d</sup> by Mr May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar, 1849

Boston, Feb. 26. 1849 - Rec<sup>d</sup>. the within balance  
of £ 6. 10. - (\$31.20) - Henry C Wright





Dublin February 7 - 1829

My dear Friend

You may make your mind quite easy. Nobody but my wife and myself shall see your letter, and you depend on me that we will not make much of it between you and any body else on account of what you say. And yet I don't see why you need be so shy for your letter is not a bit heavy, but prosy (like James Haughton's extracts) and any thing in the least unbearingly a waste. At the same time I am most much disposed to hold up my head and feel as if I had a little right to be conceited there when one of your father's writes to me. I have been so long in the way of thinking you very delightful as well as very good and truly stout hearted (not to say heroic) people that so long as you make much of me, I take the humble opinion of others quite philosophically - for I have a consolation they know nothing of. Now I know you are laughing in your sleeve at this talk of mine - but I have a trick when I feel at my ease of saying what I please, and so you may laugh as long as you please, for I only tell you the sober truth.

Now as to the Brahma I like your Report extremely. It is pleasant, cheery, clear, hopeful and such as every body could enjoy and comprehend. I am sure it will be liked and that it is just such a report as would induce a body to contribute another year. I felt quite strong & up in my mind after reading it. I can't imagine why you need feel so shy about it. You have managed the thing admirably. I had no idea that you would have received within a thousand dollars of last year which I believe was considered particularly good. I had a letter from H.C.W.



a few weeks ago, written during the fair, and from an awful  
account of the rain and thaw & slush - I could fancy I was  
walking in it over the tops of my shoes. I felt for the fair and  
the fair form - but above all I felt for you - I felt like an  
ostrich ready to thrust my head in the sand - a most  
natural emotion in a case of difficulty or mortification - &  
by no means peculiar to ostriches as to me. And like the  
prudent hero in Hudibras who runs away that he may live to  
fight another day - you would not have half so many things to  
sell if it had not been for that the people could not get out  
in the rain. I am glad the Paper and the Brogue sold so  
well. They were our dependance for any thing of a respectable  
position at our annual assembly. ~~On~~ On this head I have a  
rather shabby speech to make. You must know that this De la  
Rue Box is a notion of mine - a real Boston Notion - and to  
bring it to bear - to make a reality of the notion I have to beg  
for it - and then I have to add the paper and De la Rue always  
send more than is ordered - which is awkward & thus year they  
send just £2.14 more than I had available funds for, after  
settling for the Brogue, which were mostly made to order in Cambridge.  
I have therefore charged you with  
paid for a few days since. I have therefore charged you with  
the £2.14 and with the freight of the Cambridge which I pay annu-  
ally to make matters as easy as possible to our friends there -  
who like to see their donations let down as "freight." Neither, I  
suppose, could we, so our freight has always been charged against  
you too. This looks very poor - but it is a such way of cutting  
a figure. We are a very poor people & the odds I grow the  
more entirely I am sure of it. These matters being thus  
settled, I furnish you at the present writing with another  
"little account" which you can get Robert D. Wallcut to ex-  
pound. The balance coming to me is £6.10 - and then I will  
thank you to pay this to H.C. Wright or in other words to honor my  
draft to this amount - & I shall do as much for you when I owe you £6.10.



James Haughton has just called on with a letter from Cork with an  
account of a speech made on behalf of temperance in that city & a lan-  
dation of an article in a Medical Review on the same subject - he  
is also full of indignation against Mr. Menzies a Unitarian minister  
who has just visited America & has returned duped with patch though  
he was a flaming abolitionist before. James means to attack him &  
he also means to counteract Dr. Seavey in his newborn zeal for  
his cause. He is very quick that is, James Haughton is not.  
He is greatly pleased with your account of the fair & thanks you for  
done beautifully. Now I quite agree with you Seavey is a saint -  
but I insist that he is nevertheless a terrible proser both as an  
author and an orator. It is wonderful how comfortably & self  
complacently people will go on saying the most stupid platitudes for  
years together. It seems to me that all newspaper editors &  
pulpit preachers must do this. I would have been very glad  
if you had read this how much nearer you are to the French  
history than I am and that it would be a great pleasure to me to  
hear how they do and what they do. They might as well be in the  
moon for any thing we hear of them. I could greatly like to hear  
of Wendell Phillips. Now is he? What is he doing? Does he ever  
write or speak or agitate in any way now. Somehow it strikes  
me there is a flatness about the old writers and orators of the  
cause. I seldom see any thing very stirring now. The best piece  
of ~~any~~ <sup>of</sup> them I have lately read or heard is a sermon from  
Mississauga a Unitarian minister that I saw in the Standard. It  
was strong and substantial like former articles when he was  
fresh and hearty. One disadvantage of my communications  
to the Standard is that I rarely ever get a line from those who  
write to me - but you will let me hear from you now &  
then I will be greatly obliged. I assure you I don't look for  
sentences as of far more value in my eyes as they should  
be in those of every one. If your letters should come over to  
Franklin this year and that by crossing to Newport I could be of  
use to her - being a poor old married man I am a safe guess  
for the freshest beauty breathing - I would be glad to be asked to have  
the opportunity - With kind regards to our mutual friends  
I remain ever cordially

Richd D Webb



I don't know whether you need with Edmund Quincy over-  
sincerely - If you should you might tell him that I don't  
feel whatever he may that I and to receive occasional  
welcome interruptions of his exertions which are not  
putty much into view. I would just like to hear  
from you or from any competent person an opinion  
to the value of the recent outbreak of Anti Slavery in Boston  
and your opinion of the amount of vitality in the Free  
Love Movement - and whether you think the Liberty Party  
dead in fact as well as in "prospective"

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